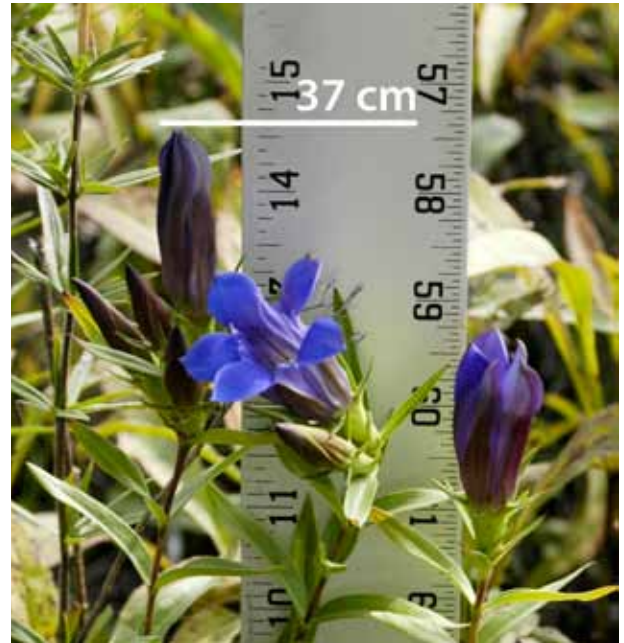


**Gentiana puberulenta**

PRAIRIE GENTIAN PLAIN GENTIAN (Gentian Family)

in the **Peacock Prairie** at the **James Woodworth Prairie Preserve**



This native perennial plant is unbranched and about  $\frac{3}{4}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' (23–46 cm) tall. The central stem is slightly reddish ...; opposite leaves are up to 3" long and  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " across; ... at the apex of the plant, the leaves occur in a whorl of 3–7 smaller leaves. ... One or more clusters of 1–8 flowers occur at or near the apex of the plant. ... The violet-blue flowers are about 2" long and 1" across when fully open. The corolla is tubular and vase-shaped, but divides into 5 small triangular lobes that reflex outward. Within the corolla, there is a prominent stigma with a divided white tip, which is surrounded by 5 stamens with white anthers. ... At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, blooms about the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

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